that compare with the production of 1995-96;

(e) whether it is a fact that permission has been given to private persons to explore crude oil/refine crude oil in the country; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (f) The import bill of petroleum products for the last 3 years as well as for the year 1995-96 and indigenous production of crude oil for the same years is given below:

Year	Import Bill (Rs. Crores) Petroleum Products	Production of Crude Oil (Mn. Tonnes)
1992-93	6359.60	26.950
1993-94	7041.43	27.026
1994-95	7521.71	32.239
1995-96* (April—December)	8150.97	26.261

*Provisional.

Increase in the quantum of POL imports is on account of higher growth in demand of petroleum products. Import bill is dependent upon (a) International prices of products (b) The exchange rate of Dollar Vs. Rupee and (c) Actual indigenous production of petroleum products, vis-a-vis the demand.

Government has permitted private investment in the reflining sector to increase the processing capacity.

Permission has been given to Indian and foreign companies to explore for hydrocarbons in India and for the development of some small sized oil fields and a few medium sized oil fields. This was done to accelerate the much needed pace for exploration in the country and for faster development of oil fields using the latest technology, where applicable.

गुजरात के सौराष्ट्र कच्छ क्षेत्र में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्र हेतु वित्तीय सहायता

170. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात के सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग को योजनागत विकास योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में गत तीन वर्षों का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग स्थापित करने हेतु उद्यमियों को और क्या-क्या प्रोत्साहन देने का विचार रखती है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰पी॰ सिंह देव): (क) से (ग) मंत्रालय की योजना स्कीमें क्षेत्र विशिष्ट नहीं होती और वित्तीय सहायता राज्य सरकार के संगठनों/सहकारिताओं/स्वैच्छिक संगठनों आदि से प्राप्त होने वाले प्रस्तावों को दी जाती है।

पिछले 3 वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों के संबंध में दी गई वित्तीय सहायता के ब्यौरे निम्नलिखित हैं:

92-93	—	111.00 लाख रु॰
93-94	—	2.75 लाख रु॰
94-95	—	9.81 लाख रु॰

उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए अमरेली, भावनगर, जाम नगर, जूनागढ़, कच्छ राजकोट और सुरेन्द्रनगर जिलों के संबंध

में दिसम्बर, 1995 तक 325.29 करोड़ रु० के पूंजी निवेश वाले 115 औद्योगिक उद्यमी ज्ञापन पेश किए गए।

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार द्वारा किए गए विभिन्न उपायों में अन्यों के साथ-साथ अधिकांश खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को उच्च प्राथमिकता वाला उद्योग घोषित करना, अल्कोहल पेयों के किण्वन और आसवन तथा लघु क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित मदों को छोड़कर सभी खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों को लाइसेंसमुक्त करना, घरेलू/विदेशी/अनिवासी भारतीय पूंजी निवेश को बढ़ावा देना, वित्तीय राहत उपलब्ध कराना आदि शामिल हैं।

Crimes in The Country

171. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and state-wise breakup of crimes committed during the last three years; and

(b) the year-wise and state-wise breakup of custodial deaths during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) and (b) Details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 176, Annexure No. 8]

Identifications of Expressways in Gujarat

172. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the State of Gujarat to identify expressways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the criteria adopted for the construction of expressways in the country;

(d) the total estimated length of each express highway and the cost thereof; and

(e) the time by which work on these express highways is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d). Under Technical assistance from the Asian Development Bank, a feasibility study for an expressway from Bombay to Vadodara was got completed in September, 1993. In order to meet the long term requirements of road transport, India needs a 10,000 km. long network of expressways by the year 2015. The cost of construction of this network is estimated to be of the order of Rs.100,000 crores. The detailed engineering for this alignment is yet to be carried out. In view of this, it would not be possible to give district-wise details at this stage. The criteria adopted for deciding expressways are traffic volume, need for access control and travel speed.

(e) It is too early to indicate a time frame for completion of the expressways.

Computerisation of Postal Services in the Country

173. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to computerise the postal services in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction during the 8th Five Year Plan in Orissa;

(c) the progress made in other States; and

(d) the target fixed in that regard for Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir.